



# *CITY COUNCIL*

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## *Committee of the Whole*

**Monday, June 25, 2007**

**Agenda  
5:00p.m.**

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| <b>I. Discussion with RAWA</b>  | <b>5:00 p.m.</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Identification of water billing issues</li><li>-Review of existing billing process</li><li>-Recommendations</li></ul>                          |                  |
| <b>II. Solid Waste Commission Vs. Clean City Committee</b>  | <b>6:00 p.m.</b> |
| <b>III. Agenda Review</b>   | <b>6:30 p.m.</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Results of Charter Poll</li><li>-Finance Director Salary increase</li><li>-Conveyance of 1900 Centre Avenue</li><li>-BCTV Agreements</li></ul> |                  |

**BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_2007**

**AN ORDINANCE**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 20 PART 1 SOLID WASTE OF THE CITY OF READING CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADDING NEW PARTS AUTHORIZING A SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a Solid Waste Advisory Council to address the public health, safety and quality of life issues pertaining to solid waste collection and recycling be beneficial to the city and its' residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Solid Waste Advisory Council will work to ensure a successful solid waste management program that will provide a clean city, safeguard our environment and conserve tax dollars in the City of Reading.

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Amending Chapter 20, Part 1 Solid Waste, Codified Ordinances of the City of Reading by creating a Solid Waste Advisory Board as follows:

**§20-108. Solid Waste Advisory Council Created.**

There is hereby created an advisory body to be known as "The Solid Waste Advisory Council of the City of Reading."

**§20-109. Membership.**

There shall be seven (7) members of the Solid Waste Advisory Council. Four (4) of the members shall be residents of the City; two (2) shall appointed by the Mayor and two (2) shall be appointed by Council, one (1) shall be a representative of a waste removal company operating within the City limits appointed by the Mayor and approved by Council, one (1) member shall be a member of the City of Reading Board of Health, or their designee and one (1) member shall be a member of the City of Reading Environmental Advisory Council, or their designee. The members of the Solid Waste Advisory Council shall serve without compensation.

**§20-110. Terms of Office.**

The members of the Solid Waste Advisory Council shall serve for terms of three years, provided, however, that the terms of the members who shall be initially appointed to the Council shall include the following: two (2) members of the Council shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year; two (2) members of the Council shall serve for a period of two (2) years; and three (3) members of the Council shall serve for terms of three (3) years. All subsequent appointments of

members to the Council shall be for periods of three (3) years. If a member of the Solid Waste Advisory Council shall be absent, without prior notification or excuse, from three consecutive, regularly scheduled meetings of the Council, the Chairperson of the Solid Waste Advisory Council may declare the position held by that member vacant and a new member may be appointed in the manner set forth herein.

#### **§20-111. Rules of Procedure.**

At the first meeting annually the Solid Waste Advisory Council, the members shall elect a chairman among their number to preside at the Council meetings for the remainder of that year. A majority of the members, four (4), shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Solid Waste Advisory Council business. The Solid Waste Advisory Council is authorized to adopt rules of procedure to conduct business, subject to approval by the City Council.

#### **§20-112. Expenses.**

The City Council may appropriate a budget for the use of the Solid Waste Advisory Council and the city shall provide adequate space and facilities and necessary supplies to facilitate the official business of the Council.

#### **§20-113. Meetings.**

The Solid Waste Advisory Council shall meet, regularly, at least once per month, unless there is no business to be considered by the board. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson or by three (3) members of the Council. The Solid Waste Coordinator of the city or such other person as is designated by the Public Works Director shall attend each meeting of the Council, shall take and publish minutes of the meetings, and shall provide copies of the minutes to each member of the Solid Waste Advisory Council and to the City Clerk.

#### **§20-114. Board Responsibilities.**

The Solid Waste Advisory Council shall make reports and recommendations to the City Council concerning solid waste and recycling issues and shall discharge the following responsibilities:

- (a) Provide for balanced consideration and representation of the viewpoints, problems, and issues regarding solid waste management and identify and recommend solutions to solid waste management problems to the body of Council.
- (b) Review and recommend solid waste and recycling needs assessments and needs assessment updates.
- (c) Develop recommendations, goals, policies and procedures that will aid City Council and the Administration in meeting and implementing solid waste and recycling legislation and programs within the community.

- (d) Review and recommend solid waste and recycling plans and policies, including the solid waste services element of the City's comprehensive plan.
- (e) Evaluate funding requests and make recommendations on solid waste and recycling funding and grants.
- (f) Participate in collaborative planning efforts involving businesses that recycle "hard to recycle" goods, not for profit recyclers, and area trash/garbage haulers, which contribute to enhanced coordination of programs.
- (g) Review City actions and legislation which may affect the accessibility or quality of solid waste and recycling services available to City residents.
- (h) Conduct other solid waste research, review and advocacy as requested by City Council in response to emerging solid waste and recycling management issues.
- (i) Sponsor County-wide public forums and outreach pertaining to waste prevention education, activities, services, and programs, and participate in regional cooperative activities when possible.

**§20-115. Conflicts of Interest.**

If any member of the Solid Waste Advisory Council concludes that such member has a conflict of interest with respect to a matter pending before the Advisory Council, that member shall disqualify himself or herself from participating in the deliberations and decision-making process with respect to that matter.

**§20-116. Annual Reports of Progress.**

The Solid Waste Advisory Council shall provide an annual report to City Council on progress made in carrying out the Advisory Council's responsibilities and on the status of solid waste policies and procedures within the City.

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall be effective ten (10) days after its adoption and approval by the Mayor, or repassage by City Council over the Mayor's veto, in accordance with Section 219 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter, or as set forth in Section 221 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.